Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1813.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Newburyport, on Tuesday, Sept. 14th, 1813.

PRESENT:

M.E. JAMES DEAN HOPKINS,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. HENRY FOWLE, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
M.E. JOHN ABBOT, . . .	Grand King.
E. WM. WOART, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
M.E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY, .	Grand Treasurer.
" EDW'D HORSMAN, . .	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN B. HAMMATT. . .	Grand Marshal.
BENJ. WHITMORE, . .	Grand Steward.
NICHOLAS PIERCE, . .	" "
RICH'D HUNNEWELL, .	Grand Tyler.

Members.

M.E. JOSHUA GREENLEAF,	E. STEPHEN HOWARD,
" THOS. JACKSON,	" HENRY PURKETT,

Chapters.	*Representatives.*
St. Andrew's, . .	JOSEPH JENKINS,
" " . .	SAMUEL HOWE,
" " . .	Z. G. WHITMAN,

King Cyrus,	. .	Joseph Brown.
"	" . .	Sam'l L. Knapp.
Mt. Vernon,	. .	Samuel Cutler.
St. John's,	. .	Not represented.
King Solomon's,	. .	Not represented.
Washington,	. .	Not represented.

Returns were received from all the Chapters except King Solomon's and Washington.

Voted, That Comps. Henry Purkett, Stephen Howard, and Samuel L. Knapp, be a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Treasurer and the Records of the Secretary, for the year past, and report what compensation shall be allowed them for their services.

The Committee retired for investigation, and on their return reported, that the accounts of the Grand Treasurer are correct and properly vouched, and that there remains in his hands a balance of *one hundred and thirty-four dollars and ninety-three cents*, in favor of the Grand Chapter; that the Records are correctly entered, and recommend that the Secretary be allowed *twenty dollars* for his services the year past, which report was accepted.

The Committee appointed at the last Communication of the Grand Chapter to take into consideration the communication of Charles Turner, Jr., reported,

That from a strict investigation of the subject, they do not find that the communication committed to them was intended to be made to this Grand Chapter, but they find expressed in it a wish that the Grand Chapter would give their opinion, "whether under all circumstances attending the exaltation of Companion Turner, he is to be considered as in regular standing with and admitted to visit the Chapters under this jurisdiction, if he can give them the needful satisfaction." Your Committee therefore wishing to prevent future trouble thought proper to inform Comp. Turner that they should meet on Thursday, the 9th of Sept, inst., and hear him if he had any communications to make. He appeared accordingly, and having upon the honor of a man and a Royal Arch Mason declared that all the statements in his letter to Comp. Purkett with the accompanying documents were facts, the Committee proceeded to examine Comp. Turner upon the several degrees he pretended to have received, and found him perfectly correct and well versed in the forms, ceremonies and lectures of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the Chapter in which he was exalted comes within the exception of the Constitution of the Gen. Grand Chapter, having been established before the year 1798, and consequently previous to the existence of said Grand Chapter, and that the said Comp. Charles Turner, Jr., is a regular Royal Arch Mason and has a right to all the privileges annexed to that Order. Your Committee also find that Comp. Turner has exerted a laudable zeal in conjunction with Comps. Fisk of Vt., Haynes of N. H., Milner of Philadelphia, and Fitch of N. Y., to procure an establishment of the three Chapters in the District of Columbia, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, but as yet without the desired effect. They are not without hope, however, of succeeding better at some future period; which report was unanimously accepted.

Voted, That the Committee appointed Dec. 15th, 1812, to take into consideration the communication of the M.E. Deputy Grand High Priest, respecting the order of High Priesthood, be continued.

The Committee appointed June 15th, 1813, to present the thanks of the Grand Chapter, with a piece of plate, to the

Grand Treasurer, made report, which was accepted, and is on file. The following is the answer of the Grand Treasurer to the Committee.

BOSTON, Sept. 4, 1813.

Respected Companions:

Your communication of the 30th ult., covering the vote of your appointment, to present me the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Mass., for my services as Treasurer, I have this day received, with the piece of plate mentioned in said vote. For this testimony of approbation of my conduct, in the office, and the sentiments of esteem expressed in their vote, far beyond my merits, you will please to present my grateful thanks, and inform the Grand Chapter, that to have so conducted as to have their approbation and esteem will be a source of pride and satisfaction through life. For the polite manner in which you have executed the vote of the Grand Chapter, and the friendly and affectionate sentiments expressed in your communication, I shall ever retain a grateful remembrance, and remembering, shall be stimulated to deserve what your partiality has so liberally bestowed on me. Wishing you collectively and individually the best of heaven's blessings.

I am with esteem and affection,

Your fraternal and obedient servant,

ANDREW SIGOURNEY.

M.E. HENRY FOWLE,
" THOS. JACKSON,
" HENRY PURKETT,
Committee of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mass.

The Committee appointed June 15th, 1813, to take into consideration the subject of censures and expulsions, reported progress, and had further time allowed to make their final report.

The Committee appointed Dec. 15th, 1812, to examine the General Regulations of the Grand Chapter, reported a

revision of the 2d Article of said Regulations, which was accepted, and is as follows, viz:

ARTICLE 2ND.

This Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall hold three Communications in a year, viz: On the Tuesday next following the second Monday in June, September and December; and the Annual Communication in September shall be the time for the choice and appointment of officers, of whom the Grand High Priest, King and Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected by ballot, and the others shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest so chosen, all of whom (if present) shall be duly installed on that day. And if any of said officers shall be absent at the time of his election or appointment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to forward to him due notice thereof, with a request that he would signify his acceptance of the same, or otherwise, in writing, within twenty days at least of the next regular meeting of said Grand Chapter; and should any of said officers decline accepting the office assigned to him, or neglect to give due notice thereof within the time specified, then the vacancy shall be filled at the next regular meeting of said Grand Chapter agreeably to the regulations of the same.

And all said communications shall be held in Boston, save that the Annual Communication in September, shall be holden alternately in Boston and Newburyport, until otherwise determined.

Voted, That Comps. M.E. Henry Fowle, M.E. Andrew Sigourney and M.E. Edw'd Horsman be a Committee to report upon the expediency of having the proceedings of the Grand Chapter printed.

The time for choice of officers having arrived, the M.E. High Priest appointed Comps. M.E. John B. Hammatt, Joseph Brown and Thomas Jackson a Committee to collect, assort, and count the votes.

The following Grand Officers were duly elected and appointed for the year ensuing, viz:

M.E. John Abbot, Esq., of Westford,	Grand High Priest.
" Henry Fowle of Boston,	Dep. G. High Priest
E. Samuel L. Knapp of Newburyport,	Grand King.
M.E. Andrew Sigourney of Boston,	Grand Scribe.
" Thomas Jackson of Boston,	Grand Treasurer.
" Edw'd Horsman of Boston,	Grand Secretary.
" John B. Hammatt of Boston,	Grand Marshal.
Rev. Asa Eaton of Boston,	Grand Chaplain.
Rev. James Thompson of Barre,	" "
Seth Johnson of Boston,	Grand Steward.
John Chadwick of Boston,	" "
Benj. Whitmore of Newburyport,	" "
Nicholas Pierce of Newburyport,	" "
Rich'd Hunnewell of Newburyport,	Grand Tyler.
Eben'r Oliver of Boston,	" "

The several Grand Officers were duly proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, and those present were duly qualified and installed.

A lecture was then given and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th, 5813.

Present:

M.E. John Abbot, . . .	Grand High Priest.
" Andrew Sigourney, . .	Grand King.

M.E. Henry Fowle, . . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" Thomas Jackson, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Edw'd Horsman, . .	Grand Secretary.
" John B. Hammatt, . .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. Ezekiel L. Bascom, . .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Comp. Seth Johnson, . .	Grand Steward.
" Eben'r Oliver, . .	Grand Tyler.

St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter represented by E. Asa Peabody. No other Chapter represented.

Comps. Rev. Paul Dean, Josiah Swift, Alexander Bowers and William F. Brazer admitted visiters by vote.

The annual return and fees received from Washington Royal Arch Chapter.

No return or fees received from King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter.

The Committee appointed to report on the expediency of having the proceedings of the Grand Chapter printed had leave to suspend their report. (See page 109.)

The Committee appointed Dec. 15th, 1812, to print the report of the Committee on the form of installations, &c., (see page 101) and the Committee on the order of High Priesthood, (see page 102) were discharged.

Voted, That Comps. M.E. Henry Fowle, M.E. Andrew Sigourney and M.E. John B. Hammatt be a Committee to take into consideration the propriety of a revision of the Regulations of this Grand Chapter, and of having the same printed with such votes of the Grand Chapter as are permanent, with the forms and ceremonies of installations and public processions, conferring the order of High Priesthood, and such other subjects as they may deem necessary for the information of the several Chapters under this jurisdiction.

Voted, That Comps. M.E. Andrew Sigourney and M.E. John B. Hammatt be a Committee to have the Breast Plate repaired, and if they find that impracticable, to procure a new one.

The M.E. Grand High Priest informed the Grand Chapter that he had accepted the resignation of M.E. Henry Fowle as Deputy Grand High Priest, and then appointed the Ex. and Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, D. D., Deputy Grand High Priest for the current year, and he was duly proclaimed as such by the Grand Marshal.

Voted, That the Jewels and such other of the Regalia of this Grand Chapter as may be moved without inconvenience, be committed to the care of the Grand Treasurer, and carried to his house at the close of every Communication of this Grand Chapter by the Grand Tyler.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.

A letter from E. Comp. Edward Horsman, resigning the office of Grand Secretary, was read by the M.E. Grand High Priest, and on motion of E. Comp. Asa Peabody, it was voted, that his resignation be accepted.

On motion of E. Comp. Fowle, *Voted*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be given to E. Companion Edward Horsman, for his long, faithful and meritorious services as Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Marshal be directed to present him with a copy of this vote.

Voted, That Comps. E. John B. Hammatt, E. Asa Peabody and E. Andrew Sigourney be a Committee to wait upon Comp. E. Edward Horsman, receive the books and other property of the Grand Chapter in his hands, transfer them to the Grand Secretary, and report what compensation shall be made to the Ex-Grand Secretary for his services the present year.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the choice of a Grand Secretary for the year ensuing; when on counting the votes, it appeared that Comp. John Loring was chosen, and was installed, and proclaimed accordingly.

The Grand Stewards were then installed. A lecture was given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

ANDREW SIGOURNEY,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 14th of June, A. L. 5814.

PRESENT:

M.E. JOHN ABBOT, . . .	Grand High Priest.
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY, .	Grand King.
" HENRY FOWLE, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS JACKSON, . .	Grand Treasurer.
E. JOHN LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.
M.E. JOHN B. HAMMATT, . .	Grand Marshal.
Comp. SETH JOHNSON, . .	Grand Steward.
" EBEN'R OLIVER, . .	Grand Tyler.

St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter Rep. by M.E. HENRY FOWLE.
St. John's R. A. Chapter Rep. by Comp. WM. F. BRAZIER.
Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter Rep. by M.E. EDW'D HORSMAN.
King Solomon's R. A. Chapter Rep. by M.E. RICH'D CARRIQUE.

Comps. Z. G. Whitman and James Morgan, admitted visiters by vote.

The Committee on forms of installations, &c., reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The Committee appointed to procure a new Breast Plate reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and presented the new one, which being approved of and accepted, it was *Voted*, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented the Committee for the handsome manner in which they discharged their duty, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the amount of Comp. Hammatt's bill of the same.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have a copy of the Seal of the Grand Chapter engraved, to be affixed to the public advertisements.

The Committee to receive the papers, &c., from Comp. Edward Horsman, reported that they "had attended to the duty assigned them, and recommended that the sum of thirteen dollars and sixty-six cents be allowed and paid to Comp. E. Horsman, as a compensation for his services as Grand Secretary, during the part of the current year that he has served." (See report on file.)

Voted, That the above report be accepted, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay Comp. Horsman the sum therein mentioned.

The M.E. Grand High Priest informed the Grand Chapter, that he had received a communication from M.E. Comp.

Henry Fowle, stating that a Convention of High Priests had this day conferred the Order of High Priesthood upon Ex. and Rev. Comp. Rich'd Carrique, he having produced vouchers of his having been elected High Priest of King Solomon's Chapter at Charlton.

Voted, That the communication above alluded to, be put on the files of the Grand Chapter, agreeably to Comp. Fowle's request.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be a committee to provide a suitable place for the future meetings of this Grand Chapter, and that he be authorized to pay the rent for the same.

Voted, That Comps. M.Ex't Henry Fowle, Ex't Henry Purkett and Ex't Asa Peabody, be a committee to provide a dinner for the Grand Chapter and the representatives of subordinate Chapters, at their Annual Meeting in September next.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were partly given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

JOHN LORING,
Grand Secretary.